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CONCOURSE CLEANERS OUT OF JOBS BY JULY 1

Not renewing. When SEPTA takes over control of underground transit concourses, they will begin using in-house workers instead. **What's in store for the 11 workers?** The Center City District and union said they will do everything they can to find them new jobs. PAGE 02

Does Christina Grimmie have 'The Voice'?

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Grimmie, a Marlton, Burlington County, N.J. native, could be crowned "The Voice" during tonight's finals on NBC. / TRAE PATTON/NBC

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Local Tweet

"Philly: Tuesday is election day. Don't waste your Monday on FB or Imgur. Google your candidates and make an informed decision."

Darn right, @jamesmafyew. Well, except for Twitter.

Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 '"The Good Wife" star Julianna Margulies is a wig evangelist'

2 'Cristiano Ronaldo gets naked, with Irina Shayk, for Vogue cover'

3 'VIDEO: NASA spots huge 'hole' on solar surface'

SEPTA to sweep away its concourse cleaners

The broom. SEPTA will hire 10 new cleaners for public transit concourses.

Eleven subcontractors responsible for cleaning the underground transit concourses will not return when SEPTA takes control of the corridors on July 1.

"We are going to have SEPTA in-house forces to do that job," said SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams. "And that decision was made basically since all of the stations are being cleaned by SEPTA porters, it just makes logical sense for them to now take over the concourse. We know what our standards are."

The 11 workers cover 28 entrances on South Broad Street as well as the two corridors that run from 11th Street down to The Gallery and 12th to 16th streets on Locust for PATCO.

The subcontractors, employed by the Center City District, are members of 32BJ SEIU. The group's contract expires in 2015, but the contract with the city was only an extension of the previous contract that expired in 2012. Without other venues for the workers to go, they will most likely be out of jobs.

Daisy Cruz, Mid-Atlantic director for 32BJ, said the group is "doing everything we can to make sure these workers find employment."

Paul R. Levy, president and CEO of the Center City District, told Metro they too will work to "find other openings for these workers." Levy did not address if any more employees will also lose their positions as a result of the new lease.

While the underground infrastructure belongs to the city, they're leasing them out to SEPTA as of July 1. The Center City District started to clean the concourses in 2007.

By the numbers

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SEPTA will hire 10 new workers $14.29 up to $20.50, the per hour rate depending on each worker's level of experience.

$17

The per hour rate of the current workers

What's left?

The Center City District will continue to clean:

- The Patco station corridors east and west on Locust Street
- The Patco Station corridor on Eighth Street
- The corridor between Municipal Services building and Dilworth Plaza

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Working toward a successful resolution

Veteran Timothy Wynn, above, speaks at the graduation ceremony for the 2014 class of the Philadelphia Veterans Court. Judge Patrick Dugan, inset, holds up a symbolic coin at the ceremony. Veterans Court provides a route to rehabilitate rather than incarcerate veterans who get in trouble with the law. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Claim. Malvern group defrauds city officials

Malvern, Chester County company Airmatic Inc. has been charged with one count of mail fraud for allegedly defrauding the city of Philadelphia of more than $556,000 by allegedly supplying unapproved, off-contract products to city departments in violation of its agreement with the city, the U.S. Attorney's Office said on Monday.

Impact

Hundreds of fraudulent transactions took place between 2007 and 2012.

- The defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of five years of probation, a $500,000 fine, restitution and more if convicted.

According to officials, Airmatic submitted false and fraudulent invoices to the city, concealing it was providing off-contract products. Airmatic is also accused of inflating the cost of those items by 87 percent, thus making a profit of $556,633.

In one instance, the Malvern group falsely invoiced the city of Philadelphia for a bearing assembly, an expensive industrial product and approved contract item. However, Airmatic delivered 12 asphalt rakes and there was no contract for those items.

Officials claim that to disguise the transaction, Airmatic manipulated the invoice and billed the city for the bearing assembly, resulting in a profit for the group. METRO

Keynote

Obama staffer to speak at Drexel graduation

Perez / WHITE HOUSE

Drexel University officials announced on Monday that Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez will deliver the keynote address at the sixth commencement ceremony for Drexel's School of Law.

Perez, who became a member of President Barack Obama's cabinet in 2013, previously served as assistant attorney general for civil rights at the Department of Justice.

He will receive an honorary degree at Wednesday's ceremony, which will feature 141 graduates.

Perez received his bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1983, and in 1987, he received both a master's of public policy and a law degree from Harvard University.

He was a law professor for six years at the University of Maryland School of Law and was a part-time professor at the George Washington School of Public Health. METRO

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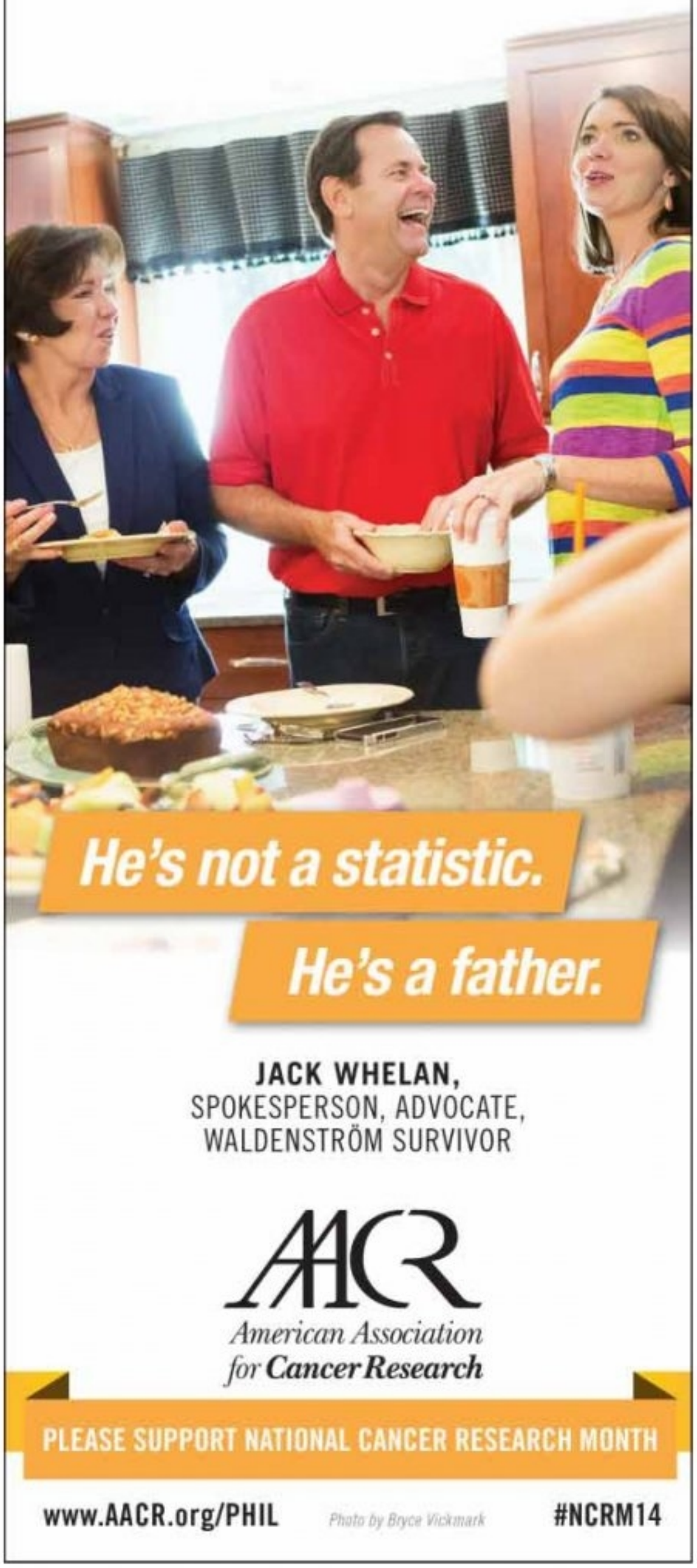

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Preserve, protect, promote Chinatown

A worker with the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation pauses beneath a tree as she works on 12th Street between Arch and Race streets. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Nutter: Traffic Court to 'rise from the ashes'

Corruption. Three years after an FBI raid, officials unveiled a new way to litigate traffic tickets.

The city has a new plan for how to handle contested traffic tickets and moving violations — by using city prosecutors.

"This court will rise from the ashes of a tainted system and provide true justice," said Mayor Michael Nutter on Monday.

Starting July 1, prosecutors and paralegals will handle cases at the Traffic Division of Municipal Court. Previously, police officers operated as "prosecutor and witness," as District Attorney Seth Williams put it.

Municipal Court judges and hearing officers will oversee the cases, instead of elected Traffic Court judges.

The announcement came as a federal trial draws near for six former judges and two businessmen charged with participating in rampant fraud at the court.

"We have been struggling for ... close to three years to change the culture, to change practices that had been so ingrained in the court that most people who worked there thought this was really how you did business, that this was a normal way of operation," said Municipal Court Traffic Division Judge Gary Glazer.

Quoted

"It is a system that had to die. It must go away. ... There will be no 'nodding and winking' from court officials."

Nutter

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Caught

North Philly man held for attempted murder

A North Philadelphia man has been identified as an attempted murder suspect in the April 16 shooting of a 21-year-old man in Upper Kensington.

Ronnell Purnell, 25, is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and other offenses.

Police found blood on the sidewalk at 329 East Somerset Street and learned that a man was shot five times and taken to the hospital. An anonymous tipster turned Purnell in. METRO

Local guys

Peanut Chews debuts new candy

Philadelphia-based company Goldenberg's Peanut Chews introduced a new bite-sized Peanut Chews called Bites that are now available for $3.99. METRO

Call-a-thon aims to get summer jobs for youths

Hired. Nutter and colleagues sat down with a phone Monday to seek new summer jobs for youths.

The mayor and other officials worked the phones for an hour on Monday afternoon in a fund-raising call-a-thon to push for investment from businesses in WorkReady Philadelphia, which connects local youth to summer jobs.

The result, according to Emily Gowen of the Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia: 100 new jobs.

"If one hour can produce 100 jobs, just imagine what we can do if we continue to work together to get the word out to as many businesses as possible," said Chekemma Fulmore-Townsend, president and CEO of the Philadelphia Youth Network, which operates the WorkReady program. "It's just $1,700 for one youth's summer experience."

Fulmore-Townsend, along with Mayor Michael Nutter, City Councilman Bobby Henon and Urban Affairs Coalition president Sharmain Matlock Turner sat down inside City Hall Monday and worked the phones for an hour.

Through WorkReady, youths aged 14 to 21 get a six-week work experience in July and August, which can range from community improvement work in teams, to introductory jobs at summer camps, day cares and libraries, and internships at real estate, engineering and health insurance companies.

WorkReady's goal is 7,600 jobs this summer, the same as in 2013. But even at that level, more than 11,000 applicants had to be turned away last year.

"We want every young person who wants a job to be able to have one," Fulmore-Townsend said. "It's vitally important, because our young people have the desire to be productive during the summertime."

By the numbers

$1.7K
One youth's summer job

7.6K
Target number of 2014 summer jobs

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Advisory role

L&I website asks for tips from residents

The advisory board tasked with investigating the Department of Buildings and Inspections following the building collapse at 22nd and Market streets in June of last year set up a website and is looking for feedback.

The Mayor Michael Nutter-appointed committee, which was founded in October 2013, launched www.phila.gov/specialadvisory for residents to catalog their complaints.

The committee, which was asked to prepare a report that suggested improvements and changes by July, asked for an extension.

The report will be filed by mid-September. METRO

A Legend at UPenn

Singer-songwriter John Legend received an honorary Doctor of Music during University of Pennsylvania's 258th Commencement ceremony at Franklin Field on Monday.

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Hacking. US accuses China of cyber spying on American industry

A U.S. grand jury has indicted five Chinese military officers on charges of hacking American companies and stealing trade secrets, the toughest action taken by Washington so far to address cyber spying by China.

China denied the charges, saying they were "made up" and would damage trust between the two nations. The Chinese foreign ministry said it would suspend the activities of the Sino-U.S. Internet working group.

The indictments mark the first time the United States has filed charges against specific officials of foreign governments, accusing them of corporate cyber spying.

The suspects targeted companies in the Pittsburgh area in the nuclear power, metal and solar product industries. The companies included Alcoa, Allegheny Technologies, United States Steel Corp., Westinghouse Electric Co., U.S. subsidiaries of SolarWorld AG and a steel workers union, Department of Justice officials said. REUTERS

Quoted

"When a foreign nation uses military or intelligence resources and tools against an American executive or corporation to obtain trade secrets or sensitive business information for the benefit of its state-owned companies, we must say, 'enough is enough.'" Attorney General Eric Holder

"Some of you, and now I'm talking to anybody who has been dumped ... You know the sting of losing and not getting something you badly want. When that happens, show them what you are made of." Abramson
WAKE FOREST

Ousted New York Times editor to grads: Show what you are made of

The New York Times' ousted top editor Jill Abramson made her first public remarks on Monday, not shying away from the controversy surrounding her departure and told graduates to fight back. Abramson delivered the commencement speech to students graduating from Wake Forest University in North Carolina after unusually scathing criticism of her management style leveled by Times' publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. The speech was closely watched by media observers eager to hear Abramson's thoughts given the acrimony surrounding her departure. Kelley Thompson of Maumelle, Arkansas, who was at Wake Forest to see her son graduate, said of Abramson, "I thought it was great. She approached it head-on. It was a difficult problem and she didn't hide from it." REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES

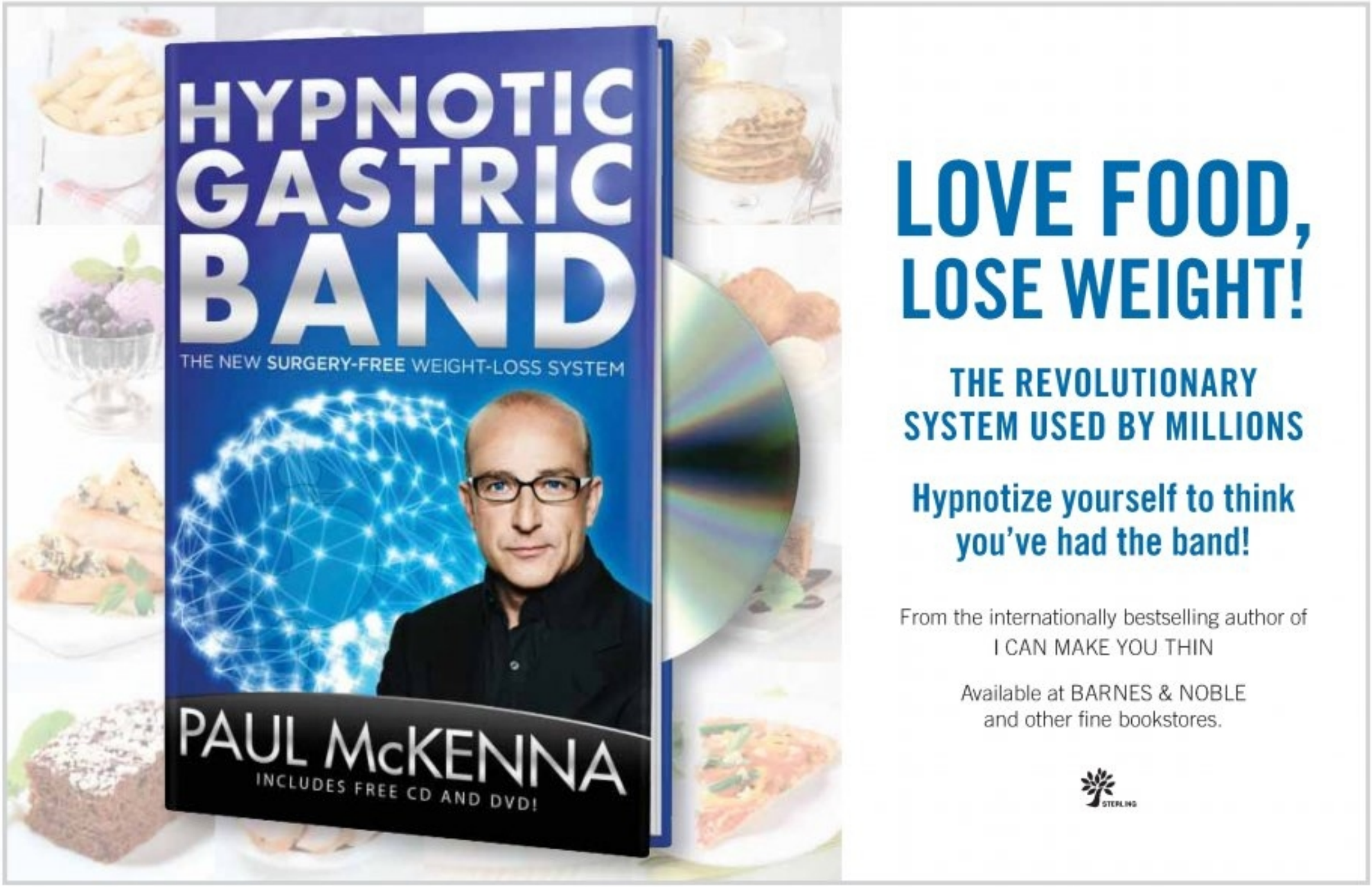
Higher learning

Conn. dropout made bomb threats to hide dropout status

A college dropout was arrested Sunday night after admitting to calling in two bomb threats to keep her family from learning she had quit Quinnipiac University, police said on Monday.

Danielle Shea, 22, of Quincy, Massachusetts, made the threats after arriving at the graduation ceremony in a cap and gown with her mother, who did not know she had dropped out. She "panicked" when relatives noticed her name was not on the list of graduates, police said.

Shea called in two bomb threats to the Quinnipiac University library so the ceremony would be canceled, police said. Instead the ceremony was delayed 90 minutes and moved a mile to a different campus of the university in Hamden. REUTERS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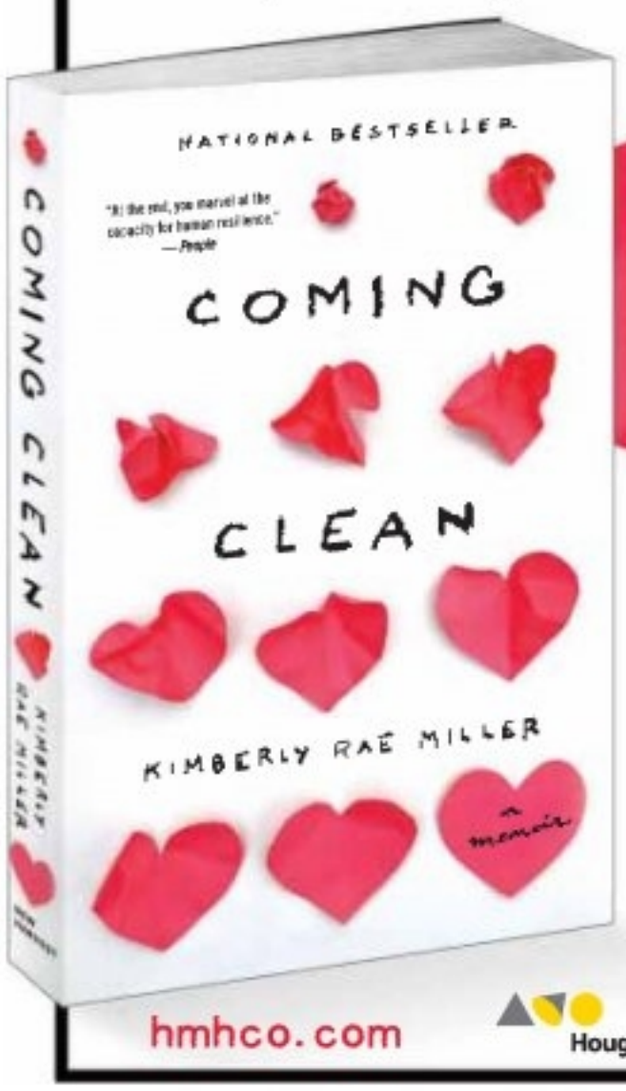
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Webster's dictionary adds words 'selfie,' 'tweep' and 'catfish'

Spellbound. Many of the additions are related to technology and social media.

"Selfie" is now among Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary's approximately 165,000 entries and 225,000 definitions / GETTY IMAGES

"Selfie," "tweep" and "turducken" were among more than 150 new words and definitions added to the 2014 updated Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, the publishing company said on Monday.

The additions to the U.S. dictionary reflect the growing influence of technology and social networking, the company said.

"So many of these new words show the impact of online connectivity to our lives and livelihoods," Peter Sokolowski, an editor for Merriam-Webster said in a statement. "Tweep, selfie and hashtag refer to the ways we communicate and share as individuals. Words like crowdfunding, gamification and big data show that the Internet has changed business in profound ways."

One new entry is "steampunk," defined as "science fiction dealing with 19th-century societies dominated by historical or imagined steam-powered technology."

And the word "catfish" takes on an added definition, referring to a person who sets up a false social networking profile for deceptive purposes.

"These are words our editors have decided to put in based on usage in the English language," said Merriam-Webster spokeswoman Meghan Lunghi. "They look for widespread, sustained usage — and when they think the usage merits it, they include it." REUTERS

Merriam-Webster 2014

Among the new entries:

- **Selfie:** an image of oneself taken by oneself using a digital camera especially for posting on social networks.
- **Tweep:** a person who uses the Twitter online message service to send and receive tweets.
- **Gamification:** the process of adding game or gamelike elements to something (as a task) so as to encourage participation.
- **Hashtag:** a word or phrase preceded by the symbol # that clarifies or categorizes the accompanying text, such as a tweet.

Android team

Google acquires Divide

Google Inc. said it has acquired Divide, a company whose software allows corporations to manage the personal smartphones that consumers increasingly use on the job.

In a post on Divide's website on Monday, the company said it was joining Google's Android team. The post did not provide financial terms of the deal. REUTERS

Deal. AT&T makes bet on video with $48.5 billion DirecTV bid

AT&T Inc. plans to pay $48.5 billion to buy DirecTV, in the latest sign that the wireless industry and the U.S. television market are set to converge as customers consume more video on their mobile devices.

The deal highlights AT&T's pressing need for fresh avenues of growth beyond the maturing U.S. cellular business, which has become increasingly competitive.

The combination with DirecTV, the No. 1 U.S. satellite TV provider with 20 million customers, would beef up Dallas-based AT&T's packages of cellular, broadband, TV and fixed-line phone services.

For DirecTV, the deal will enable it to offer broadband Internet for the first time to its U.S. customers. REUTERS

Ukrainian troops guard the road from Izyum to Slavyansk on Monday. / GETTY IMAGES

Kremlin again says Putin has ordered troops from Ukraine

Empty promises. Previous pledges by Russia to pull back produced no withdrawal.

The Kremlin announced on Monday that President Vladimir Putin had ordered Russian forces near Ukraine back to their bases, but NATO and the United States said they saw no sign of a pullback and Moscow had failed to carry out such promises before.

Moscow has massed tens of thousands of troops near the border regions where pro-Russian separatists have declared independent states, and Kiev and its Western allies fear they could be used to invade in support of the rebels.

Ukraine holds a presidential election on Sunday, which Western countries consider a crucial event in resolving the country's crisis. The United States and EU have threatened to ramp up sanctions on Moscow if it interferes in the vote.

Ukrainian border guards said there had indeed been a decrease in Russian military activity close to the border. But the United States and the Western military alliance said there was no indication troops had pulled back. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We have seen no indication of any movement."

Rear Admiral John Kirby
Pentagon spokesman

Sex addict movie

Strauss-Kahn to sue over film

Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn has instructed lawyers to sue the makers of a movie in which veteran French star Gerard Depardieu plays a sex addict who commits a sexual assault on a hotel maid, his lawyer said on Monday.

"Welcome to New York" by Abel Ferrara, which had a private screening on the sidelines of the Cannes film festival at the weekend and has been on pay-per-view in France, is billed as a piece of fiction and comes with a legal disclaimer.

But Strauss-Kahn's lawyer said the film was defamatory in that its subject matter was similar to the accusations leveled against Strauss-Kahn, who quit the Washington-based International Monetary Fund in 2011 after a New York hotel maid accused him of sexual assault. **REUTERS**

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Letter. Group writes to Obama seeking to ease Cuba travel rules

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The White House should expand licensed travel for all Americans to Cuba and increase support for civil society on the communist-ruled island, according to an open letter to President Barack Obama signed by an unprecedented group of 44 policy reform advocates and former U.S. officials.

The letter released on Monday was signed by John Negroponte, the director of National Intelligence under President George W. Bush; retired Admiral James Stavridis, who stepped down last year as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO; and several former senior State Department officials and prominent Cuban Americans.

It's the latest sign of increased pressure on the Obama administration to soften the U.S. Cold War-era policy on Cuba and follows a February poll that found a strong majority of Americans favor loosening the five-decades-old punitive policy of Cuba sanctions.

While stopping short of calling for legislation to end the economic embargo, it lists measures within the executive authority of the president that don't require congressional approval.

The recommendations seek to take advantage of a "window of opportunity" created by reforms underway in Cuba to reduce state control in some economic areas and allow the creation of small, privately run businesses. REUTERS

UN investigator

Unhealthy food taxes vital to fight obesity

Unhealthy diets pose a greater risk to global health than the increasingly regulated sale of tobacco, and governments should move fast to tax harmful food products, a United Nations investigator said on Monday.

In a statement issued on the opening of the annual summit of the World Health Organization, professor Olivier de Schutter called for efforts to launch negotiations on a global pact to tackle the obesity epidemic.

"Unhealthy diets are now a greater threat to global health than tobacco. Just as the world came together to regulate the risks of tobacco, a bold framework convention on adequate diets must now be agreed," he said.

De Schutter, who has held his post of special rapporteur on the right to food since 2008 and earlier headed the International Federation of Human Rights, reports to the U.N. Human Rights Council. REUTERS

Clergy crush

Women in love with priests ask pope to make celibacy optional

Twenty-six women who say they are in love with Roman Catholic priests have written to Pope Francis urging him to make celibacy optional.

The women, who all live in Italy, described the "devastating suffering" caused by the church's ban on priests having sex and marrying.

"We love these men and they love us," they said in their letter published on the authoritative website Vatican Insider.

"With humility, we place at your feet our suffering so that something can change, not just for us but for the good of the whole Church," they added in the message, signed with their first names and an initial of their last names, but with several phone numbers. REUTERS

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CREDIT CARD MISTAKES MOST PEOPLE MAKE

Many of us are familiar with how credit cards work, but because myths and misinformation have made our knowledge of them a little muddy, there are several common mistakes most credit card holders don't even know they are making. Here are the top five:

Read these tips: Your credit is at stake. / GETTY IMAGES/LIGHTWAVEMEDIA

Only paying the minimum

This seems like the easiest way to make a payment on a credit card, but there are some major drawbacks to only paying the minimum. The biggest drawback is that you're paying more money over time in interest. Paying an additional $15 to $20 each month may not seem like it'll make a huge difference, but you'll be preventing your balance from accruing hundreds of dollars in interest if you beef up your monthly payments.

Closing old credit cards

Most think that once they pay off a credit card, it's in their best interest to close the card so they don't have the temptation to build up a balance again. Even though it seems like a good idea to remove the temptation, closing the card can impact your credit utilization ratio, which can negatively affect your credit score.

Applying for multiple credit cards at once

Opening new credit cards is one way to improve your credit scores because it adds to your total available credit. That being said, applying for multiple credit cards at once could end up having the reverse effect. Too many hard inquiries on your credit report can negatively impact your scores, which will make you seem desperate for more credit. Instead, apply for a credit card that you're confident you'll get approved for.

Maxing out credit cards

Even though there are circumstances when you may need to use most or all of your available credit, it's best if you pay down the balance as quickly as you can. If you don't, it can have a negative impact on your credit scores. Similar to closing old credit cards, maxing out your credit cards or carrying a hefty balance raises your credit utilization ratio.

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Tip

Don't ignore monthly credit card statements

It's essential that you open your statements and thoroughly look through them before you throw them out. Verify that you completed each of the transactions yourself and report any unknown transactions to your bank as possible fraud. This is an important habit to adopt, especially with all of the store data breaches that have occurred since the end of 2013, including the Target breach that exposed 110 million of its customers to fraud. By simply checking your statements each month, you'll know if you fell victim to a possible security breach and can even catch fraudulent transactions before it's too late.

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The stats

Amanda Young

Age: 38
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Number of jobs: 3

Amanda Young teaches up to four fitness classes a day. / PROVIDED

Work life. Meet Amanda, who works three part-time jobs just for the joy of it.

What is your schedule like working three part-time jobs?
My first job is as a social worker; I work three days a week at a middle school. I also teach a range of fitness classes at Equinox Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m., and then again at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. My third job is as a training leader for Shape Up New York, which provides free fitness classes. I run a training program that helps people become fitness leaders within their communities. Those classes are on Thursday nights, Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

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It seems like physical fitness is your main passion.
Honestly, social work and fitness are both equally my passions. It just worked out that I was able to have this balance.

Are you working all three jobs just for the money?
They’re honestly more passion driven. I live by that overused saying that when you do what you love it never feels like work. I’ve always been interested in helping others achieve their physical, mental and spiritual goals, and both careers allow me to fulfill my own personal goal of helping others.

Your jobs really do seem like a harmonious balance.
It’s easy to burn out in both. Physically, your body can shut down, and emotionally, social work can be very difficult. But because my jobs are so different from each other, I don’t feel overworked or overwhelmed. I happened to pick two careers that inspire me. I just love going to work.

How does your partner feel about you working so many jobs?
I was already working in both fields when he met me 11 years ago, so he accepts it. He knows I love what I do and could never give up either part of myself. He knows it makes me happy, so he’s very supportive of it. Sundays are our rest day, our day to reconnect.

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“I happened to pick two careers that inspire me. I just love going to work.” Young

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College. How to get the right professor to recommend you

Thinking about applying to grad school this fall? Now is the perfect time to start thinking about which professors you want to ask for recommendations. These steps can make the entire process much easier.

If you worked closely with a professor, he or she could be the one to write your letter. / PIXLAND

1 Ask someone who knows you well: "My biggest tip is 'Make sure the professor really knows you,'" says Julie Dodd, a journalism professor at the University of Florida. Dodd recently recommended a student who had taken a class with her while he was a sophomore, yet made it a point to regularly stop by her office for two years afterward. "I wanted him to get a job."

2 Ask as early as possible Give at least a month's notice before your deadline, says Dodd, though earlier is always better.

3 Take no for an answer If a professor tells you that he or she isn't the best person to write your letter, believe him or her and move on.

4 Remember that you are asking for a favor Ask nicely and send a thank-you note afterward. (Also, be sure to let your instructor know which school you picked; don't leave them wondering.)

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Ways grads can handle money

Graduation. Here's how you can prevent the graduate in your life from wasting college funds

New grads can better manage their money with these tips. / STOCKBYTE

When her son recently turned 18, Lisa Kirchenbauer and her husband had him take control of an account they had long ago set up for him as a college fund — which had grown to about $60,000.

"What if I ran out and bought a car with it?" he asked.

It was mostly a joke question, but still heart-stopping for Kirchenbauer, because she knew that, legally, he could.

There is an alarming lack of parental control when seniors come into some cash upon graduation — anything from a $100 check from Grandma to multimillion-dollar inheritances.

Here are four strategies to make sure that young adults handle graduation gifts responsibly.

2 Test with small amounts Many parents try to teach their kids healthy spending habits with allowances. Jill Totenberg started her daughter off with $5 a week in third grade, then upped it to $80 a month in high school.

Now, the 18-year-old has a bank account with a debit card and is learning to manage a credit card.

Tip No. 1

Direct gifts from family members

One stealth way to maintain a little control over funds is to direct family members toward appropriate noncash gifts. This is what Kirchenbauer is doing when family members ask what her son would like. To one, she suggested a set of luggage, to another a suit and to a third, a laptop.

"My mom is just writing a check," she adds, which she hopes her son will put in a savings account.

3 Rollover into a trust When higher dollar amounts are involved, young adults face pressure from families and financial advisers to lock the money down.

"I've had some of my clients ask, 'Can we not give him the money?'" says Kevin Ruth, head of Private Wealth Planning for Fidelity. "The reality is, you can't."

4 Allow some splurges For Tim Noonan, the key to his financial parenting was instilling a sense of mystery about the power of money. The message: "Money is a magical tool, but it will turn against you if you do the wrong thing."

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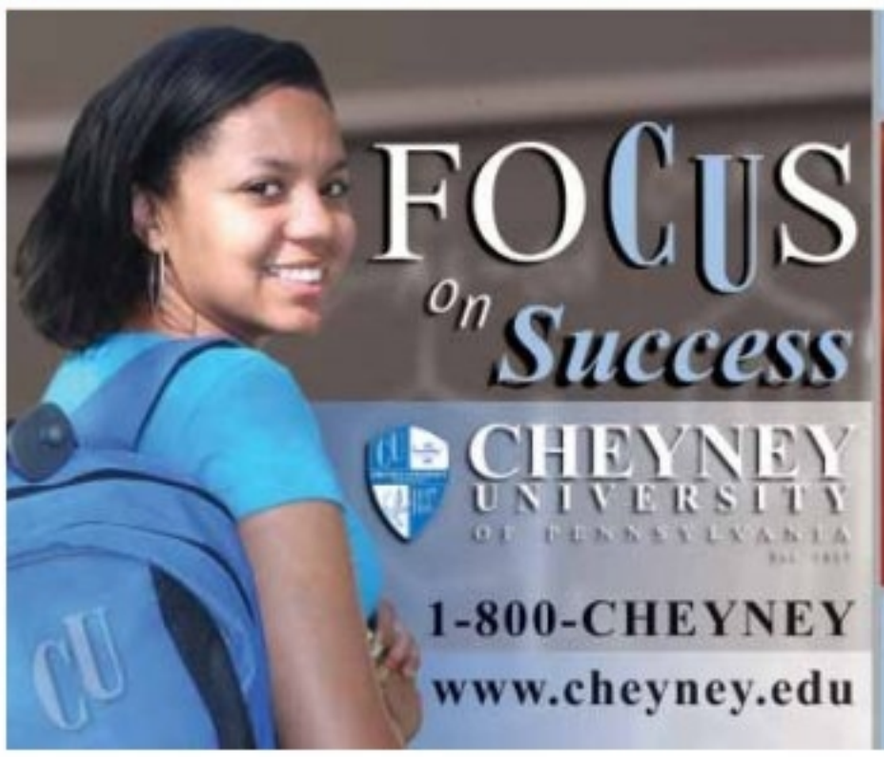

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An SAT question: If 5 Seconds of Summer, pictured here, flash two fingers, will they be 7 Seconds, or will they still be confused with One Direction? / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

THE WORD

Lasse Emil Kristiansen takes on the world of gossip.

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1 Who are 5 Seconds of Summer?

By now, everyone knows Kendall Jenner flubbed her lines at the Billboard Music Awards and almost introduced 5 Seconds of Summer as One Direction. But can you blame her? I mean, there are five guys in 1D and only four guys in 5 Seconds! Here's a primer for Kendall, if she's reading: 5 Seconds of Summer, also known as 5SOS, are an Aussie band whose members range in age from 18 to 20. They aren't the singing and dancing type of boy band; these dudes rock out! And the catchy lyrics to their single, "She Looks So Perfect," could be confused with 1D's "What Makes You Beautiful," if it didn't have a refrain about American Apparel underwear.

2 Can't make it to the drive-in? Invite Amber Rose over!

Amber Rose (remind me, why is she famous?) wore what looked like a flat-screen TV as shades for the Billboard Music Awards Sunday night. Looking at her makes me want to eat popcorn while watching a chick flick on those shades. Maybe that could be a way for her to get into the movie biz. If you can't be on the screen, then be the screen! Just saying.

Talking points

Thicke's "Get Her Back" is quite likely about Paula Patton.

Thicke still wants his wife back

Robin Thicke also made a statement while he accepted a Billboard Award for "Blurred Lines." "Most importantly, I'd like to thank my wife for her love and support, and for putting up with me all these years," he said. The same night he performed a new song called "Get Her Back," he also dedicated it to his soon-to-be ex-wife, Paula Patton. But Paula, seriously, can't you just take him back already, so the rest of us don't have to watch him try so hard? It gets pretty tiring.

Timberlake hates Donald Sterling, too

Just like everyone else in the entire world, Justin Timberlake is not very fond of Donald Sterling. He made that very clear Sunday night when he accepted a Top Artist Billboard Award via satellite. "I want to thank everyone on Earth, except Donald Sterling." We want to thank you, Justin, for being awesome!

2 CULTURE

Blipp it

Rob Kardashian has a big surprise for you

Rob Kardashian has stepped out for the first time in weeks to get to Europe in time for Kimye's wedding. And let's just say that it was a er, um, huge surprise to see him again. Since stepping out, Rob Kardashian has trended on Twitter, and people are busy commenting on the reality star's weight gain. But we guess someone had to mention the elephant (poor choice of words, I know) in the room.

Twitter feed

Today, Rihanna clears up rumors, Bob Saget is being inappropriate and Alan Cumming feels dirty.

@rihanna: #PHAKE !!!! Let's be clear, I do NOT have an IG account!

@bobsaget: Thanks for all the kind bday wishes. When I was born I came out testicles first. The doctor slapped them and I've been doing it ever since.

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The best-selling author spills about her new book and debates fictional love stories versus real ones.

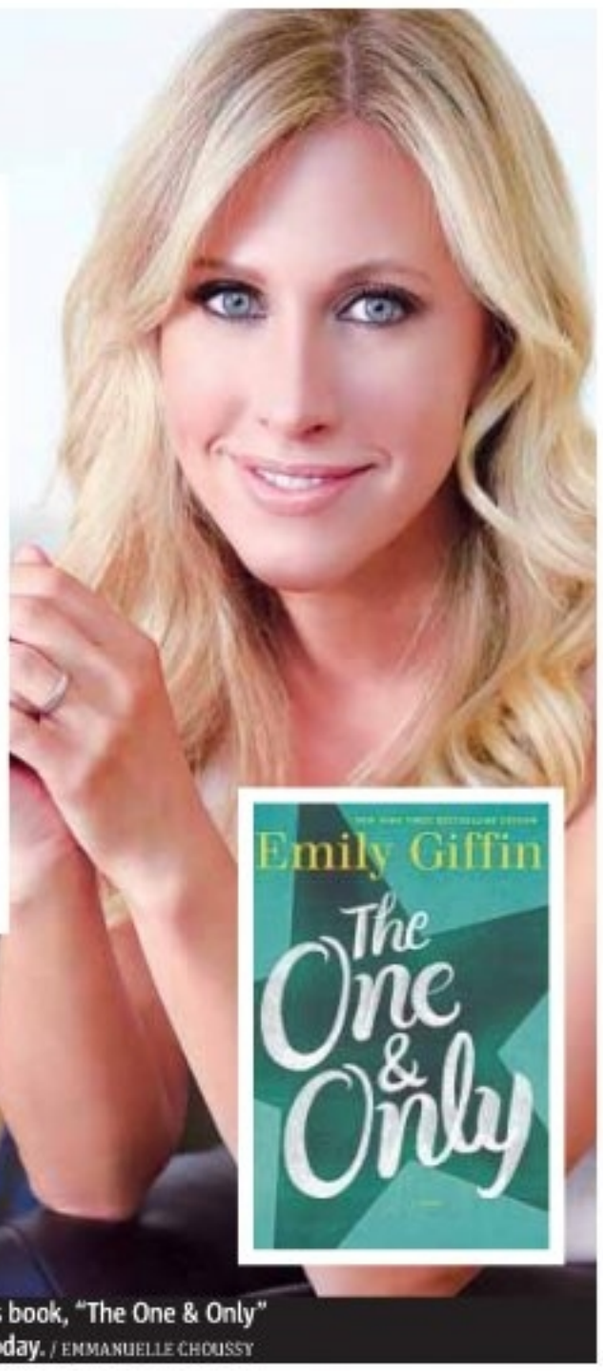
THE AUTHOR'S REAL THOUGHTS ON LOVE

Best-selling author Emily Giffin is known for telling a good love story. Whether it's about falling for a best friend's fiance in "Something Borrowed" or the gnawing feeling of wondering "what if" about someone you let go long ago in "Love The One You're With," Giffin has made a career of exploring the complications of love and lust. Her new book, "The One & Only" is no exception. We got Giffin to spill details, plus she tells us what she really thinks about love.

How did the idea for the book come to you initially?
I wanted to explore the idea of unconventional love. I think if we're honest, the way most of us think about romantic love is pretty narrowly defined. .... I really wanted to portray a relationship that, while difficult for some to understand and accept at first, is beautiful and idyllic in its own right.

Your books have a common theme of seemingly impossible love. Do you believe love conquers all in real life?
This is definitely the "big question" in the book, and I'm really happy with the way "The One & Only" ended — it felt right for the characters and true to the story as a whole. But what happens in the book is just that. ... a conclusion to one fictional story and not necessarily a reflection of my personal beliefs. Honestly, I'm not really sure whether love can conquer all in real life. ... I like to believe it can!

The intricacies of female friendships are something else you write a lot about. Why are adding these relationships to your stories important to you?
My books are all relationship-driven. I write about mothers and daughters, husbands and wives and, of course, friendships. Friendships are integral to who we are as people — they are particularly important to women. But even our closest friendships can be complicated and layered. The simple, easy ones aren't always the most worthwhile ones.



Emily Giffin's book, "The One & Only" comes out today. / EMMANUELLE CHOUSSY

Q&A

What is a real-life love story you love?
Kate and William. I believe in their sweet happily ever after. ... But I [also] think there is great beauty in relationships that go through really rough, dark times.

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Going big time

Interview. Director Gareth Edwards wanted to make a serious, realistic "Godzilla."

With his reboot of "Godzilla," British director Gareth Edwards wanted a more realistic, more serious tone than has been in the majority of the creature's films. If that's your aim, it would seem obvious to model him on animals, not on guys in rubber suits smashing around.

"As research we got hundreds of different clips of creatures fighting," Edwards recalls. They watched tussles with bears, wolves and many more, then test-animated the Godzilla smackdowns based on them. But something curious happened. "When you watch a nature documentary and you don't have any narration, you don't know what the hell's going on. Animals are very bad storytellers. You can't tell if they're scared, if they're gesturing for a better position or trying to leave."

In the end it really wound up closer to a guy in a suit doing a performance. "You need to understand in his body language if he was tired or angry. He needed a more humane performance." (Andy Serkis, who's done the motion-capture animal performance deal before in "The Lord of the Rings," "King Kong" and "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," wound up helping out.)

Director Gareth Edwards has helmed the serious reboot of "Godzilla." / GETTY IMAGES

Still, he was able to maintain a degree of realism in other respects. Edwards made his name with 2010's "Monsters," an indie that married chatty romance to the creature feature, with aliens designed by him personally. (Edwards got his start in F/X departments.) He wanted to carry that low-key vibe to his "Godzilla."

Edwards argues that the slow burn the film has is more gratifying anyway. "The excitement I get when I watch a film is by not seeing things," he says. "The second you show something in all its glory, you can't get scared of it anymore. We wanted to build the film in a way that it incrementally progressed, so that we were always topping ourselves. And when we've reached the point where we've peaked, we hit the end credits."

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The thick of it

Stepping out

"Godzilla" was also Edwards' first foray into big budget filmmaking. It still felt small, despite the massive budget.

"To some extent when you direct a film you only talk to a handful of people," he reveals. "Initially it's like, 'Why can't I talk to that guy that's putting that light up?' Then you realize very quickly there's just not time. The way the machine works is you have these heads of departments that you relate to, then they have teams that go and do everything. So you can convince yourself that you're only making a film with 10 people."

The sheer scale of the production wasn't even fully apparent to Edwards until only recently. "It's only when you start doing [interviews], walking around New York and seeing billboards that you think, 'Holy s—, it was a big movie after all."

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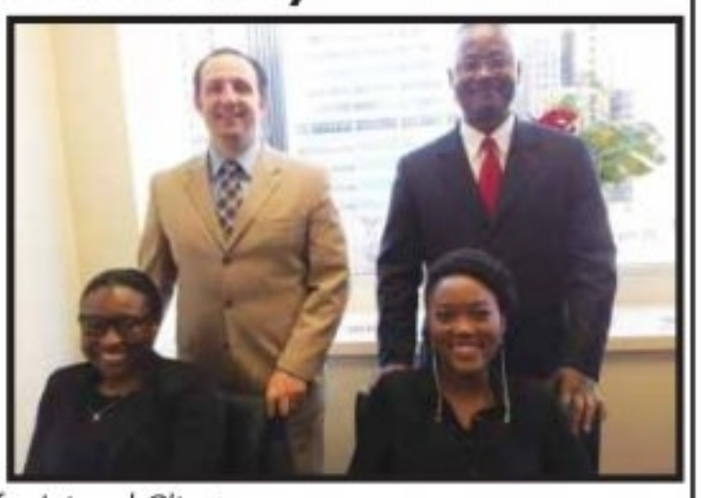

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Singing their

Interview. "The Voice" finalists share their journeys to the singing competition's big finale.

The heat is on as "The Voice" comes to a close. We caught up with the last artists standing as they prepare to sing their hearts out for the competition's finale.

Christina Grimmie, the 21-year-old pop singer, left her hometown in South Jersey to follow her dreams in Los Angeles. Grimmie began her music career on YouTube and now has over 2 million subscribers. The YouTube sensation got all four chairs to turn and went with Team Adam.

"I have been busier than ever before and my memory has gotten a lot better too because we have to memorize a song a week," Grimmie tells us. "[But] the biggest challenge for me is being away from my family. We got to go home for a week after the Blinds, but now we stay here to work on the show."

Josh Kaufman, the family man from Indianapolis, supported his wife and three kids as an SAT prep tutor and band member playing local gigs. The soul singer got all four chairs to turn in the Blinds and originally went with Team Adam, but was later stolen by Usher. Kaufman hopes that winning "The Voice" will allow him to support his family as a full-time musician.

"Usher has a very unique coaching style," says Kaufman. "He has me run around the stage before rehearsal and sometimes he'll have me sing in the mirror. But he's a really good communicator."

Jake Worthington, the country kid from Texas, discovered his passion for music after a terrible football accident. He got three chairs to turn in the Blinds and (unsurprisingly) went with Team Blake.

"I'm not necessarily able to do what I want when I want," says Worthington. "This is work completely and not vacation, yet a major blessing and [I'm] thankful for it. I mean, [it's] not every day do you get to sit down and talk with a huge country star like Blake. But whatever he says, on a serious or joking matter, he's always honest with me."

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Josh Kaufman, Christina G

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rimmie and Jake Worthington will battle it out to be named "The Voice." Grimmie, 20, is originally from Marlton, N.J. "The Voice" finale airs tonight at 9 on NBC. / TRAE PATTON, NBC, NBCU PHOTO BANK

Q&A

Win or lose, what are you walking away with?

"The first time I walked on that stage, I was already a winner along with everyone else. Win or lose, I walk away with a chin held high, a good conscience and everything I learned in every vocal lesson." **WORTHINGTON**

"I've learned that if you set your mind to something and pursue it, it will eventually pay off." **KAUFMAN**

"The greatest reward for me has been inspiring people. Despite the challenges I might face as an artist, it motivates me to see that other people are impacted by my music. I feel like I've been called to do this, and I don't want to do anything else." **GRIMMIE**

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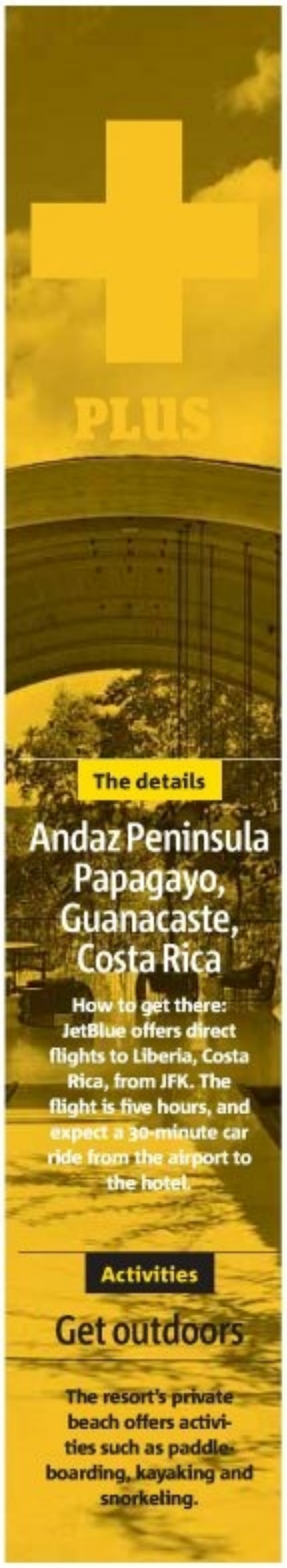
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The details
Andaz Peninsula Papagayo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
How to get there: JetBlue offers direct flights to Liberia, Costa Rica, from JFK. The flight is five hours, and expect a 30-minute car ride from the airport to the hotel.
Activities
Get outdoors
The resort's private beach offers activities such as paddleboarding, kayaking and snorkeling.

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Refined luxury at Costa Rica's Andaz Peninsula Papagayo

The hotel has a private beach, but you'll have to tear yourself away from the pool area first. / ANDAZ

Say the word "resort" to your chicest jet-setting friend, and he or she will probably scoff. And an eye roll might be apt as well — a typical tropical beach resort can bring to mind an ecological eyesore with no direct connection to the paradise or its inhabitants. It's the place where the locals who work there are forced into Hawaiian shirts while they sling frozen drinks to pale visitors noshing on chicken tenders by the pool.

However, there is a sea change occurring in the realm of resorts: Smart hotel chains have realized that their savvy, informed customers are rebelling against homogenous experiences. Enter the Andaz boutique chain, a subsidiary of Hyatt. Andaz works with the community, using local architects, artists and chefs to fashion their hotels and cuisine to make for a more authentic experience, while also retaining the element of luxury and familiarity that Hyatt guests expect. Andaz bears little resemblance to a behemoth resort chain whose lone architectural or stylistic distinction is the fact that it could be anywhere.

The latest Andaz property to enter the travel market is the Andaz Peninsula Papagayo, nestled between the Gulf of Papagayo and the blue waters of Culebra Bay in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. It was designed by Costa Rican architect Ronald Zurcher and is decorated with the work of local artist Salvador Odre.

The staff at Andaz Peninsula Papagayo take pride in where they work; the beautiful Culebra Bay and its surrounding rainforest are the focal point of the hotel's decor rather than a side note. Everything is open — the rooms, the dining areas, the walkways between rooms and the path to the beach all let you experience paradise. And if it's not open, it's enclosed in clear glass. With the resort's open concept, you can take in monkeys chattering in the background as well as the sweet smell of the rich earth. It was especially nice to see open-air spaces utilized in the hotel's Onda Spa, where trained masseuses work out the kinks while a natural breeze tickles your back.

The same philosophy is applied to the chic, modern hotel rooms, which encourage you to shower with the glass door open so you are one with nature, rather than shut off from it.

When you sit to dine at any of the property's three restaurants, you're encouraged to be outside. Over tapas at Chao Pescao, you can sip on artisanal cocktails on the deck while vines sway above you. At the more fine-dining restaurant, Ostra, the walls are open so you are always looking out to the sea. Casual dining spot Rio Bhongo is surrounded by an infinity pool and bay breezes.

And instead of the trees being stripped and paved for your walk down to the private beach, you nimbly meander through the jungle. This resort is paradise, experienced.

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2 Nerf Rebelle

Girls can let their inner Katniss loose with these new bow-and-arrow toys, which shoot up to 75 feet. The foam arrows make a whistling sound as they rip through the air, and the bows feature an electronic sight to help with accuracy. **$19.99 and up**

3 Outdoor Mandala Designer

Sidewalk chalk is one of the simplest outdoor must-haves, but it's also one kids love the most. Ravensburger's Outdoor Mandala Designer will take their sidewalk art to the next level. Each kit comes with stencils all relating to a specific theme, like "happy ocean" or "fairy dreams." **$23.99**

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5 Exy Trickstartr Stunt Scooter

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6 Wheel Writer 2.0

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Advice. Making the case for an older, time-tested parenting style

Endless pressure to check off items on a lengthy list of short-term goals is the hallmark of modern parenting. Therefore, it has to go — we need to go retro. Retro parenting doesn't refer to the trend of opting out of the workforce and going strictly domestic; it means standing firm against modern parenting pressure without the reassurance of immediate results.

This is no easy task when it feels like you're risking your kid's entire future if he or she fails to score 100 percent on a spelling test or misses a ballet class. Moms need to resolve to think in the long term and resist the clamor to pile more activities into kids' schedules. Resolve to ignore the disapproving raised eyebrow when someone learns you give your kids chores rather than flash card drills.

Because a sense of humor helps when going against the status quo, check out "The Three Martini Playdate." Although the book's tone is tongue-in-cheek, it offers advice for parents to teach children practical skills actually required for adulthood, such as manners, cooperation, chores and, in keeping with the title, cocktail-making for adults.

The original retro-parenting work, "The Hurried Child" is also a worthwhile read. Among other things, David Elkind counseled against the full schedules of enrichment activities that parents push on their children to build up their college application résumés. A résumé of boutique experiences probably doesn't teach the child much about real life and likely fails to impress these days anyway.

Constant accomplishment-reaching can make us feel like successful parents, but these books show you how to slow down and parent with substance.

LESLIE LOFTIS

Are old-fashioned parenting tips the secret to domestic bliss?
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Because how-tos help, check out "Under Pressure" or "The New Six Point Plan for Raising Happy, Healthy Children." These books build on the foundation that we need to let kids own their successes and failures. The first book mostly explains the research, and the second is loaded with practical advice.

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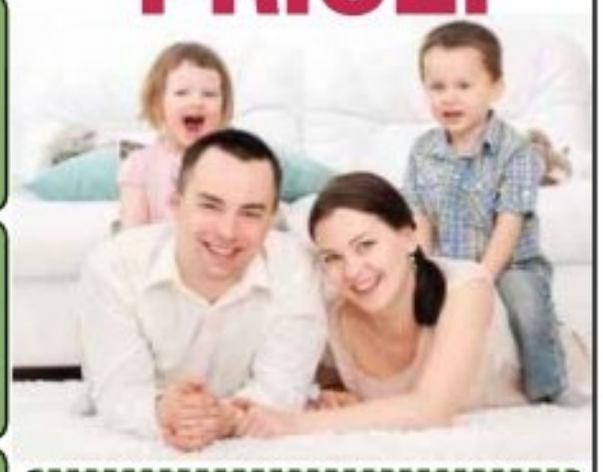

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. There may be a lot of items on your most-wanted list, but you must be sensible. You can avoid a major argument with a loved one by curbing your spending.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. If your current relationship is unsatisfying, you should make a clean break. It's not fair to either party if there is no commitment.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Try your best to get along with your co-workers. You may be dismayed to learn that someone you like doesn't feel the same way.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't spend money on others just to win approval. Focus on self-improvement projects, and the people you are trying to impress will respond.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Use up negative energy by doing some work around the house. The busier you are, the less likely you are to squabble.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Look before you leap into a new job or partnership. You may have been sold something that doesn't really exist. Don't burn bridges.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You are caring, but please resist the urge to do too much for others. They will come to expect it, and you will burn yourself out.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Give your friends and family some breathing room. Make a point of getting out. Explore new interests.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. If you do your job to the best of your ability, you will be able to dispel any negative rumors in the workplace.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. In your race to beat the opposition, you may be letting your responsibilities slide. Before you start on a new challenge, take care of your home. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

Downstream detriments

Re: 'Salmoning is safer for cyclists' (Metro, May 16-18) I couldn't agree more with letter writer Jack Dickenson. As a young child first learning to navigate the streets of a small town on my bicycle, I was taught by my dad that you always ride your bicycle AGAINST the traffic! I want to see what's coming at me and if it's an out-of-control vehicle (for whatever reason). I want to be able to ditch the bike and dive for my life! You ride with the traffic and you're a sitting duck! As for the disorderly conduct charge against Baldwin — the cops created the "problem" and shouldn't have arrested him. He's a star; he's going to create a crowd no matter what.
MICHELLE CALABRO, VIA EMAIL

IRS follows the law

Re: 'Would Dems be OK with the IRS on their backs?' (Metro, May 16-18) Why do you keep publishing letters that have clear misstatements of fact? Letter writer Ron Shelton seems to think that the IRS only reviewed right-wing applications. Not true at all. Many progressives were also reviewed, but Rep. Issa ONLY complained about the Tea Party ones. Also, the progressives want clear and open rules, while the Republicans want special deals.
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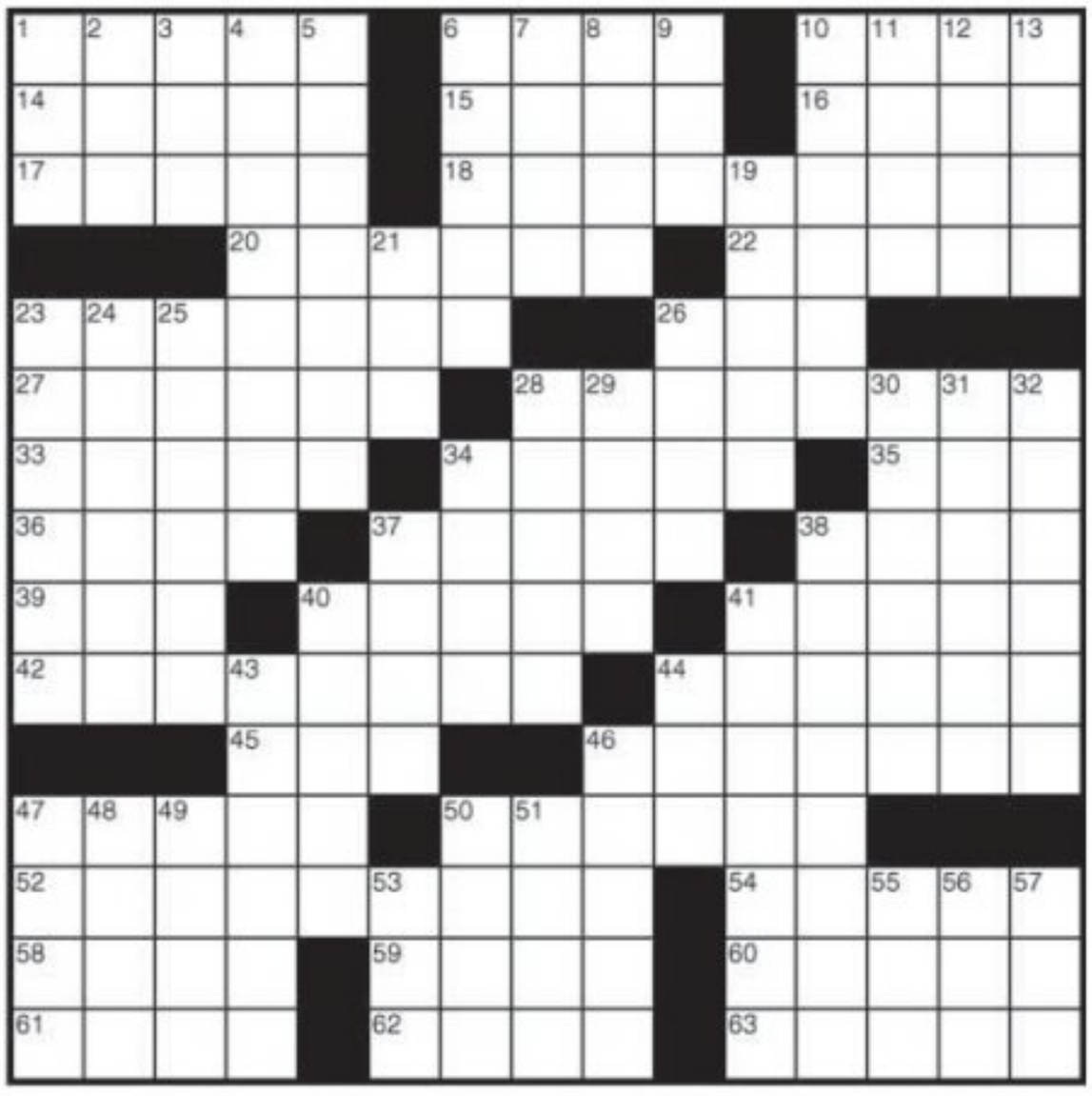

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Preparing for lottery

76ers sending Erving

The Sixers need a little good luck in Tuesday night's NBA draft lottery, at 8 p.m. on ESPN, so they are sending one of their all-time greats, Julius Erving, to represent the team. Dr. J was an 11-time NBA All-Star and helped lead the Sixers to a championship in 1983. This year's club had the second-worst record in the NBA and has a 19.9 percent chance of winning the No. 1 overall pick in June's draft.

PAPELBON NEEDS TO PAY FOR HIS BAD BEHAVIOR

Jonathan Papelbon is the highest-paid closer in baseball history. / GETTY IMAGES

Jonathan Papelbon did something last week that a professional athlete simply cannot do in Philadelphia. He placed his own interests above his team and his city. He did not fulfill the responsibilities of his $51 million contract, and soon he will pay the price for his actions.

A prickly type in the best of times, the Phillies closer has been insufferable through most of his two-plus seasons here, whining about the state of the team, pouting about how he has been used, and generally acting like a world-class grump. Even before the last 10 days, he didn't appear to like Philadelphia, and the feeling was mutual.

But when he informed manager Ryne Sandberg on May 11 in New York that he would not be available to pitch because of "general soreness," he tested whatever patience the fans still had for him. After the Phils blew a 4-1 lead in the ninth inning — his inning — against the Mets, he became the focal point for his team's failures.

The subsequent report that Papelbon had been "out late" in Manhattan the night before the game in question and had compromised his ability to pitch — a story that no one on the Phillies has refuted, including him — is extraordinary in many ways.

First, Sandberg has done nothing to defend Papelbon's actions; on my WIP radio show, the manager said, "My hands are tied," when a player decides he is not physically able to perform. Sandberg is not Charlie Manuel. When a player does something wrong, he is held accountable. Sandberg deserves a better team than the one he has right now.

Second, none of the players has addressed the situation publicly, suggesting a serious lack of leadership. Chase Utley is in the best position to do something but he has looked the other way. Never have the Phils needed a leader, a Darren Daulton, more than they do right now.

And third, Papelbon's lack of concern for his own actions reinforces the perception he created last summer when he said, "I definitely didn't come here for this," as the team fell out of the pennant race and below .500. The closer has also said he can pitch his best only in big moments, something the Phillies may not be able to provide in the foreseeable future.

Where this Papelbon story is heading should already be obvious. Even though he has performed far better than busts like Ben Revere and Domonic Brown, he is easily the most disliked member of a disappointing team. If the closer were to be traded, the city would probably be "out late" that night itself, celebrating his departure.

Ultimately, that is the price Papelbon will pay for his lack of professionalism and his obnoxious personality. Soon, he will be leaving Philadelphia, the best place he has ever played. It's just a shame he has never realized it.

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Cataldi. Rams draftee Sam is a 'shameless opportunist'

Sam has already begun his first NFL minicamp. / GETTY IMAGES

Michael Sam may be the first openly gay player drafted by the NFL, but he is also a shameless opportunist whose historic mission is off to a terrible start. In fact, it's already fair to wonder if he is worthy of the huge challenge he faces.

Yes, I know. The words above are difficult to accept because Sam represents progress for a society finally opening itself up to all beliefs and every lifestyle. So many people are rooting for the St. Louis Rams linebacker that it's hard to point out the harsh reality of his early missteps.

His first mistake was celebrating his seventh-round selection with a public display of affection so extreme, it alienated many of the people who were rooting for him. What was he hoping to prove by flaunting his affection for his boyfriend at that moment? At least he had a logical excuse that time — the elation of making history.

There was no logic at all to his decision to sign a deal with Oprah Winfrey for a documentary/reality show about his first weeks as an NFL player. By doing so without the approval of his new team, he placed his own interests above his teammates and his coaches. Sam even acknowledged that he had hidden the deal because he feared that it would discourage a team from drafting him.

Ultimately, the TV show was postponed because Oprah herself realized that it would hinder his quest. But by then the damage was done.

Michael Sam's selfish and devious behavior should alert all of the people whose dreams are tied to him that he may not be the right person for this important assignment. **ANGELO CATALDI**

Cataldi on Mike Trout

Trout makes Delaware Valley proud

TROUT'S ANGELS SWEPT THE PHILLIES LAST WEEK.
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Just when it appears that the Donald Sterlings are going to drown the sports world in their moral quagmire, along comes someone who embodies everything we love about athletic competition. Mike Trout is that someone.

In his too-brief visit home last week, the Millville, New Jersey, kid disappointed no one with his stunning skills on the field and his humble demeanor off it. At age 22, he may still develop the arrogant detachment from fans that so many rich baseball players adopt, but it is far more likely that Trout will be honoring the game — and the Delaware Valley — for the rest of his life.

Six years ago, Trout had to celebrate the championship of his beloved Phillies outside Citizens Bank Park because he couldn't afford a ticket to the fifth game of the World Series. Now, after signing a $145 million contract and earning the distinction as the best player in baseball, he is the game's proudest representative.

His best moment during the two-game sweep by the Angels came when he approached the plate for his first at-bat and the astounding crowd of 41,959 gave the hometown hero a standing ovation. He said the reception gave him "chills," and brought back memories of the time, not so long ago, when he was sitting in those seats himself.

If Mike Trout truly is the future of baseball — and of all sports, for that matters — everything should be just fine after all. **ANGELO CATALDI**

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